

U.S. judicial system from the influence of abusive INTERPOL notices by clearly mandating that no person may be extradited solely because of a red notice or diffusion.

Thanks to the TRAP Act, autocrats will be much less able to abuse INTERPOL's information-sharing protocols, and dissidents can sleep better at night knowing that the long arm of dictatorship will be held at bay.

I am also pleased to have worked with Senator RUBIO to include in S. 1260 the South China Sea & East China Sea Sanctions Act. This measure authorizes the President to impose blocking sanctions and prohibit visas for Chinese individuals who contribute to construction or development projects and those who threaten the peace, security, or stability of the South China Sea, SCS, or East China Sea, ECS. China's military has been creating artificial islands in the South China Sea and thereby asserting that its sovereignty extends into the long-recognized territorial waters of other nations and they are using these creations as military outposts to threaten their neighbors further. The SCS & ECS Sanctions Act also imposes sanctions on foreign financial institutions that knowingly conduct or facilitate a significant financial transaction for sanctioned persons if China takes several actions in the SCS or ECS.

Finally, the measure gives the Executive authorization to curtail foreign assistance to countries that recognize China's sovereignty in the SCS or the ECS, with exceptions for Taiwan, counterterrorism, democracy support, counter-narcotics, global health, and humanitarian assistance.

Collectively, all of the provisions I have just discussed reinforce the values that drive our foreign policy. The U.S. Innovation & Competition Act will prove to be an important tool in countering the People's Republic of China and other authoritarian regimes around the world. I want to commend Senator SCHUMER for his persistence with respect to bringing this bipartisan bill to the floor, and for allowing its consideration under regular order.

REMEMBERING EARL MICHAEL WILLIS

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of a young man who was not only an intern in my congressional office but also a friend. Earl Michael Willis was born on May 29, 1993, in Baton Rouge and was the beloved son of Earl and Cristal Willis. He grew up in Brusly, LA, and attended Holy Family School and Catholic High School in Baton Rouge. Michael developed a strong connection to God during his formative years, especially through close friendship with Father Michael Allelo, and his Christian faith and values were an important aspect of his daily life. When Michael was in middle school, his sister Rachael Lynn passed away from cancer. From that point on,

Michael's life was dedicated to his sister's memory, and he and his family participated in many Light the Night events. More recently, Michael and his wife Megan established a nonprofit foundation named "Running for Rachael" in honor of his sister.

Ever since working at River Road Day Care in Port Allen in high school, Michael was passionate about advocacy. At age 20, he became a legislative assistant to Cindy Bishop of Checkmate Strategies and went on to become the director of business development for the firm after finishing college. Michael graduated from Louisiana State University in May 2015 in political science. While at LSU, he was an active member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and vice president of policy for The Center for Development and Learning, where he led the center's "Literacy and Economic Development" summit and led a highly successful "Literacy Day at the Capitol." Michael married the love of his life, Megan Voda, on April 17, 2020. He possessed an incomparable measure of love and devotion for his wife, his parents, and all of his family. Sharing quality time with them was always atop his list of priorities.

Michael is survived by his wife Megan, parents Earl and Cristal Willis, brother Nicholas Boudreaux, nephews Noah and Nicholas Boudreaux, mother and father-in-law Cris and Tim Voda, sister-in-law Katie Voda, his honorary nephews Beau Seymour and Harrison Danna, his honorary nieces Lilly Seymour and Caroline Danna, and a host of aunts, uncles, extended family, and friends. Michael Willis was a truly loving and inspiring individual who always ensured that those around him felt loved, valued, and appreciated. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACK BUELL

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, along with my colleague Senator JIM RISCH, I congratulate Jack Buell, of St. Maries, ID, on his extraordinary 46 years of public service as Benewah County commissioner. We thank him for contributing his time, talent, and resources to the people of St. Maries, Benewah County, and to Idaho.

Throughout his time in leadership, Jack has earned deep respect and admiration for his unwavering commitment to the community and county he loves. Jack Buell was first elected Benewah County commissioner nearly five decades ago in 1974, and he served steadily as commissioner until December 2020. Jack is known as someone who can be counted on to help meet the needs of the community. For example, Jack made his own property available to the U.S. Forest Service to use as a fire base. There are many other examples

of his generosity and outstanding service, as he seems to never tire of doing what needs to be done.

Jack is truly a stalwart of our great State. He and his wife Eleanor own Jack Buell Trucking based in St. Maries. This business has long been a pillar in the community, providing jobs that support families and contributing to Benewah County's economic base. In addition to his business and service as Benewah County commissioner, Jack has supported and served on boards for many local and State organizations. He has been formally recognized for his contributions to the community and State, including his 2012 induction into the Idaho Hall of Fame and receiving the Idaho Distinguished Service Medal in 2021.

Jack is someone with great integrity, dedication, experience, wisdom, and institutional knowledge. He adds humor, curiosity, know-how, humility, and hard work to the countless challenges he has faced throughout his remarkable career. Jack has led by example for decades, and despite all he has done, he is not resting from service. We understand his ongoing efforts include increasing safety on the roads of St. Maries.

Thank you, Jack, for all you have done and continue to do for Idahoans. We are honored to join many others in expressing our gratitude to you for a lifetime of exceptional service.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1153. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10022-28-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1154. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation" (RIN0790-AK41) received in the